

Appl. No. 09/914,493
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Amdt. dated 6/21/2004
Reply to Office Action of 9/11/03
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claims 11-19 are pending in this case.

Objections to the Specification

The publication numbers of the copending foreign application cited at page 5, line 22, have been inserted. It is submitted that all cited documents are now properly referenced.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of all objections to the Specification is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 11-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by EP 0,711,828 to Davies *et al.* ("Davies") for reasons of record at page 3 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections, to the extent they may apply to the claims as amended herewith.

Claim 11, as previously amended, discloses a process for making a detergent tablet, the process comprising the steps of: first providing a non-phosphate, zeolite-built detergent composition, second, forming a particulate material comprising the detergent composition and third, compressing the particulate material in a tablet form, the process further comprising the step of **cooling the detergent composition below ambient temperature between the first and the third steps** (emphasis added).

Davies does not disclose cooling the detergent composition below ambient temperature between the first step and the third step. At best, the comparative examples of Davies allegedly discloses a process where a coated powder is made into tablets by compaction at 22°C and 40°C. There is no disclosure or even a suggestion of cooling the detergent composition below ambient temperature between the first and the third steps, or any other steps. (Applicants wish to note that ambient temperatures are discussed at length within the specification (*See, e.g.,* Office Action, page 3 lines 1-32.)). Further, as pointed out by the Office Action, the powder was stored in a temperature controlled oven. An oven, as defined by Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary, is typically used for baking, heating, or drying (See Appendix I). The present invention further comprises a cooling, not a heating step. As Davies does not disclose or even suggest any cooling of the detergent composition below ambient temperatures, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In light of the amendments and remarks presented herein, early and favorable action is requested.

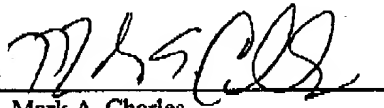
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. A one-month extension of time is believed to be due for the amendments herein. Should any fee be required, please charge such fee to Procter & Gamble Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX I



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